

THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Madness* of the *Whigg-Principles* shew'd from *Themselves*.
2. They set the *Son* above the *Father*, and every *Subject* above the *Queen*. They make the *Crown* but an *Office*, and so *Inferior* to every *Freehold*.
3. The *Review* will not *Excuse* the very *Electors* of *Parliament-men* from being *Pres'd*.
4. What wou'd come on't, if all the *Pot-Walleners* were *Pres'd*.
5. His *Excusing* the *Terra firma* men wou'd not mend our *Constitution*.
6. He makes the *People* *JUDGE* over the *Parliament*, and the *Parliament* over the *People*!
7. But in *Truth*, *Himself* and every *Body* *JUDGE* over *Both*.
8. How the *Consent* of the *People* saves every thing from *Tyranny*.
9. The difference 'twixt the *Bow-string* and the *Halter*.
10. The *Advantage* of *Rebelling* by *Principle*!

WEDNESDAY, March 9. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man*. **Y**OU wou'd never be Able, *Master*, to make these *Whigg-Principles* so Very *Ridiculous*, but for themselves! When they Comment upon them, they Run themselves into such *Monstrous Absurdities*, that one cannot find a *Greater*, by which to *Disprove* them! As what you Quoted last out of the *Review*, That a *Foot-man* of but two *Pounds* a year *Freehold* may Command his *Master* of Ten thousand *Pounds* a Year otherwise, to take a *Musket* and *Fight* for his *Foot-man*, to preserve his two *Pounds*, and that the *Foot-man* need not be at the *Pains* or *Hazard* to *Fight* for Himself, but sit in *State*, and send his *Master* to do it for him, or else Order him to *Remove* out of the *Kingdom*! This is making *Servants* the *Masters*, and *Masters* the *Servants* with a *Witness*! And dissolves all *Rule* and *Order* among *Man-kind*!

(2.) *Rehearsal*. Yes, *Country-man*. And if you should Buy but two *pounds* a year *Terra firma* for your *Son*, he might set a *Musket* upon your *Shoulder*, or Command you out of the *Kingdom*, tho' you had *Farms*, *Houses*, and *Stock* upon your *Grounds* worth 100000 *pounds*.

Nay, I'll tell you more *Country-man*. Half an *Acre* of *Ground* near *London* wou'd enable the *Review* (pursuant to his own *Principles*) to tell the *Queen* her self, That he was her *Lord* and *Master*, and to set a *Musket* or a *Knap* upon her *Back*, or Command her to remove out of the *Kingdom*. For that she has

no *Vote* in the *Election* of *Parliament-men*. Neither do the *Whiggs* allow her any *Freehold*, only an *Usufructuary* Possession. For they say, that the *Crown* is only an *Office*, like that of a *Judge*, *Mayor*, &c. And *Forseizable* at the *Pleasure* of the *People*, as I have largely shew'd before. And this is the Reason given by the *Observer*, Vol. 2. N. 25. Why the *Regal* Dignity can never be *Hereditary*. In flat *Opposition* to the present *Entail* of the *Crown*. And the *Review* argues the same. See my Vol. 1. N. 3. and 25.

Country-m. Pray tell me no more of this *Fulsome* Scheme of *Government*. It makes me *Sick*!

(3.) *Rehears*. I must tell you one *Stroke* more. He allows these same *Electors* of *Parliament-men* to be *Themselves* *Pres'd*, and sent out of the *Kingdom* to carry *Muskets* &c.

Country-m. That's impossible! Who shall *Pres* the *Original* of *Government*, those that have *Power* to *Pres* all others? And if they are sent out of the *Kingdom*, who shall *Vote* in their *Place*?

Rehears. You will find it in the same *Review* we were upon last, Vol. 5. N. 128. p. 510. Where he finds fault with the late *Act* of *Parliament*, for *Exempting* such as had votes in *Electing* a *Member* of *Parliament* from being *Oblig'd* to serve in the *Wars*. Which he says has *Caus'd* a great *Deficiency* in our *Recruits*, for that in many *Corporations* they *Chuse* by the *Commonality*, some by *Pot-Walleners*, as as they call 'em, and others the whole *Free-men*, others again all the *Inhabitants*, *Alms-men*

men excepted. And these he thinks fittest to be sent *Abroad*, as not fit to stay at *Home* among Honest Folks.

(4.) *Country-m.* A fair Account of our *Electors*! And is this the Happy Constitution he Admires? But he wou'd Mend our Constitution! And strikes at the very Foundation, the Right of the *People* to Chuse their own *Representatives*! But he wou'd Exclude all the *Pot-Walleners*, &c. And then I believe our *Electors* wou'd be Reduc'd to a more Rational Number. But may not a *Terra firma* Man be a *Pot-Wallener*, especially such a poor Rogue as has no more than 40 *Shillings* a year, and wou'd be glad to take a *Pot of Ale* from a *Tinker*?

Rehears. Yes. But these being the Original of Government must be Excus'd.

(5.) *Country-m.* A fine Original of Government indeed! And what's the matter who's the Original of Government, if they are *Pot-Walleners*? Is not one *Pot-Wallener* as good as another? where's now the *Salus Populi*, the *Publick Good*, the *Liberty* and *Property*, and all the *Glorious* things these *Declamers* for the *Power* of the *People* wou'd make us believe wou'd follow from that Noble Scheme of Government! That the last Resort must be in such hands, as this same *Review* describes to be so scandalous as neither fit to stay at *Home*, nor go *Abroad* to the *War*, Unless we wou'd give up our *Army* as a *Donation* to the *Devil*, which the *Review* do's in those very words, as you have before Quoted him. But who do's he think has *Authority* to send these *Pot-Electors* *Abroad*, that the *Country* might be Rid of them?

Rehears. He says the *Parliament*. He wou'd have an *Act* of *Parliament* for it.

(6.) *Country-m.* How! Can the *Elected* put *Muskets* upon their *Electors*, and Force them out of the *Kingdom* into the Mouth of a *Cannon*? might not some of them be of the Opinion of Mr. *Review*, to Raise the *Magazine* of Original Power upon the *Parliament* their *Representatives*? who Derive all their *Authority* from these their *Principals*, and *Constituents* as our *Liberty Men* Speak! They make the *Parliament* to be Judge over the *People*, and the *People* back again to be Judge over the *Parliament*! This is such *Struff* of *Contradiction* as cannot Enter into any one of *Common Sense*.

(7.) *Rehears.* The true meaning is, That every one of the *People*, (the *Meanest* of them, whether he is worth a *Penny* either in *Land* or *Money*, in *Learning* or *Sense*) is Judge over both *People* and *Parliament*, Now to *Holloo* the *People* upon the *Parliament*, and then to Stir up the *Parliament* against the *People*, even their *Electors*, to make *Slaves* of them, and Force them out of their *Native Country*, from their *Wives* and *Children*, with-

out any Provision made for them, to carry *Muskets* in *Foreign Lands*, and Hang them as *Deserters*, if they offer to Return.

Country-m. And this he calls *Liberty* and *Property*! Pray, what then do's he call *Tyranny* and *Slavery*?

(8.) *Rehears.* O, that is when it is done without your own Consent.

Country-m. Men need not be *Press'd*, if they did Consent. We have had Examples of some of them, who have cut off their own *Fingers* or *Toes*, and others who have *Kill'd* themselves, rather than be *Forc'd* out of their *Country*, and Undergo all the *Servitude* of *War*. And did these Consent?

Rehears. Yes, by their *Representatives* in *Parliament*!

Country-m. What! If they never had a *Vote* in Chusing *Parliament-Men*! Which is the Case of far the Greatest part of the *Nation*. Can a Man Represent me without my own Consent?

(9.) *Rehears.* Your Consent is *Imply'd*, because you said nothing against it!

Country-m. If I shou'd they wou'd Hang me. If I shou'd Declare against both *Queen* and *Parliament*, because I had no hand in Chusing either of them! If this sort of Consent be *Liberty* and *Property*, and the Rights of *Free-born English-Men*, if this is the Choice of the *People*, then the *Grand Segnior* is *Elective*, and his *Mutes* are the *Freest* Subjects in the *World*, for they do not Speak at all. And if they did, he wou'd only Strangle them, as you say they wou'd serve me, If I spoke my mind here. So that by this, the *Bow-string* and the *Halter* is all the Difference betwixt the *Liberties* of *Turks* and of *English Men*.

(10.) *Rehears.* No. For we can *Rebell* by *Principle*! Which the *Turks* Cannot. And this is all the Advantage I know that flows from the *Power* of the *People*, a *Liberty* to Destroy one another! And setting up every Man a Judge above the Government.

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